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11 AND
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14 Petition of NRDC, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, and
Heal the Bay, for Review by the California
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los
15 Angeles Region, of the Regional Board Executive
Officer's Action to Conditionally Approve Nine
16 Watershed Management Programs Pursuant to the
Los Angeles County Municipal Separate
17 Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge
Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Order No.
18 R4-2012-0175, NPDES Permit No. CAS004001;

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20 Resources Control Board of the Regional Board
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21 Approve Nine Watershed Management Programs
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CITY OF CLAREMONT'S
RESPONSE TO AMENDED
PETITION

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1 met all conditions of the April 28, 2015 conditional approval and was approved as final. On
2 September 10, 2015, the Regional Board held a hearing and considered the Environmental
3 Groups’ arguments against the Executive Officer’s conditional approvals and their challenges to
4 the substantive compliance of the WMPs. The Regional Board rejected the Environmental
5 Groups’ claims, ratified the Executive Officer’s approvals, and approved all nine WMPs.

6 The City submitted a response to the Environmental Groups’ petition to the Regional
7 Board, arguing that the Executive Officer’s delegated authority includes the authority to issue a
8 conditional approval and noting that the Petition did not raise any specific challenge to the ESGV
9 WMP. In submitting the present Response to the Amended Petition, the City does not waive any
10 arguments previously submitted, but preserves and incorporates by reference all such arguments.

11 The Amended Petition, challenging the Regional Board’s September 10, 2015 action was
12 untimely filed under Water Code section 13320(a), and as a result, the State Water Board should
13 disregard the Amended Petition. To the extent that the State Water Board considers any portion
14 of the Amended Petition, however, it should accept the Environmental Groups concession that the
15 Petition does not challenge the approval or substance of the ESGV WMP.

16 II.

17 COMMENTS

18 A. THE AMENDED PETITION SHOULD BE DISREGARDED AS UNTIMELY

19 The Amended Petition was untimely filed and should be disregarded in its entirety. The
20 Water Code provides that “an aggrieved person may petition the state board ... [w]ithin 30 days
21 of any action or failure to act by a regional board[.]” (Water Code, § 13320, subd. (a).) No
22 provision of the Water Code or the regulations implementing Water Code section 13320
23 contemplate an addendum to a petition or an amended petition. In considering the applicability of
24 Water Code section 13320(a) to petition addenda/amendments, the State Water Board “interprets
25 that requirement strictly and petitions filed more than 30 days from regional water board action
26 are rejected as untimely.” (State Water Resources Control Board, Order WQ No. 2015-0075, p.
27 7.) Unlike Water Code section 13330, which provides that a petition for writ of mandate must be
28 filed within 30 days after the “date of service of a copy of a decision or order issued by the state

1 board,” the 30-day limitations period in Water Code section 13320 is calculated from the date of a
2 regional board’s action or failure to act.

3 Here, the date of the regional board action challenged in the Amended Petition is
4 September 10, 2015. The Amended Petition “seeks review of the ... [Regional Board’s] action
5 on September 10, 2015 to ratify the Regional Board Executive Officer’s final approvals of three
6 specific [WMPs.]” (Am. Pet., p. 1.) Filed with the State Water Board on October 30, 2015, the
7 Amended Petition was filed fifty (50) days after the action it challenges – twenty (20) days late.
8 The State Water Board’s strict application of the 30-day limitations period prevents consideration
9 of the entire Amended Petition. Consistent with Order WQ No. 2015-0075, the State Water
10 Board should reject the Amended Petition as untimely.

11 If the State Water Board does not reject the petition in its entirety, in the alternative, the
12 City moves the State Water Board to strike those portions of the Amended Petition that raise new
13 arguments. Specifically, the Amended Petition raises the following new substantive challenges to
14 the Regional Board’s approval of WMPs:

15 1. That the Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 WMP:

- 16 (a) is inadequate because “the plan did not describe how the model was calibrated in
17 accordance with the calibration criteria set forth [in] Table 3.0 of the Reasonable
18 Assurance Analysis Guidelines.” (Am. Pet., p. 6.)
19 (b) “fails to describe how adaptive management will be carried out, or to commit to
20 any real program change as part of adaptive management.” (Am. Pet., p. 9.)
21 (c) “failed to commit to any schedule for achieving interim milestones and final
22 deadlines as required by the Permit[.]” (Am. Pet., p. 10.)

23 2. That the San Gabriel River WMP:

- 24 (a) “fails to provide a compliance schedule to demonstrate that receiving water
25 limitations will be achieved ‘as soon as possible.’” (Am. Pet., p. 13.)
26 (b) “fails to include milestones based on measurable criteria or indicators.” (Am. Pet.,
27 p. 18.)
28 (c) allows the Lower San Gabriel River watershed group “to evade enforceable

1 requirements of the Permit[.]” (Am. Pet., p. 20.)

2 3. That the Lower Los Angeles River WMP:

3 (a) “does not provide compliance schedule to demonstrate that receiving water
4 limitations will be achieved ‘as soon as possible.’” (Am. Pet., p. 21.)

5 (b) allows the Los Angeles River watershed group “to evade enforceable requirements
6 of the Permit[.]” (Am. Pet., p. 26.)

7 The Petition did not make any of the foregoing arguments. In the event the State Water
8 Board considers any portion of the Amended Petition, despite the strict application of Water Code
9 section 13320(a), the City respectfully moves the State Water Board to strike the following
10 portions of the Amended Petition as untimely:

11 1. Re: Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 WMP:

12 (a) Section IV.A.1, page 5, line 3 through page 7, line 10.

13 (b) Section IV.A.3, page 8, line 20 through page 10, line 6.

14 (c) Section IV.A.4, page 10, line 7 through page 12, line 8.

15 2. Re: San Gabriel River WMP:

16 (a) Section IV.B.1, page 13, line 3 through page 15, line 5.

17 (b) Section IV.B.5, page 18, line 22 through page 19, line 21.

18 (c) Section IV.B.6, page 19, line 22 through page 20, line 17.

19 3. Re: Lower Los Angeles River WMP:

20 (a) Section IV.C.1, page 21, line 9 through page 23, line 5.

21 (b) Section IV.C.4, page 25, line 23 through page 26, line 28.

22 Any argument that the Amended Petition was timely filed is unfounded. First, the Petition
23 did not challenge the Regional Board’s action, because the Regional Board had not yet acted.
24 The Regional Board’s action is separate and apart from the Executive Officer’s action. For the
25 first time before this Board, the Amended Petition challenges the Regional Board’s action. A
26 petition challenging the Regional Board’s action is required to be filed within thirty days of that
27 action and not within thirty days of a later provided notice as in Water Code section 13330.

28 (Water Code, § 13320, subd. (a); State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ No. 2015-

1 0075.)

2 Second, even if the arguments in the Petition apply with equal force to the Regional
3 Board, all grounds for challenging the Regional Board's action were required to be asserted
4 within thirty days after the challenged action. (*Ibid.*) The Amended Petition is thus untimely.

5 **B. PROCEDURAL CHALLENGES TO CONDITIONAL APPROVAL ARE MOOT**

6 The procedural challenges raised in the Petition are moot after the Regional Board's
7 action and the untimely Amended Petition. The Petition challenged the Executive Officer's
8 authority to conditionally approve the WMPs. The Petition, however, did not challenge the
9 Regional Board's authority to conditionally approve the WMPs. Similarly, the Amended Petition
10 fails to raise any challenge to the Regional Board's authority to ratify the Executive Officer's
11 conditional approvals or the Regional Board's authority to conditionally approve the WMPs.
12 (See, Am. Pet., 1, fn. 1 ["This addendum focuses on the substantive failures of the WMPs, and
13 their water quality impacts, rather than the flawed process, however, as that issue was fully
14 addressed in our original petition."].)

15 The Regional Board's September 10, 2015 ratification of the Executive Officer's
16 conditional approval effectively converted the Executive Officer's action into a direct action of
17 the Regional Board. The Amended Petition is untimely and does not challenge the Regional
18 Board's authority. For these reasons, the Petition's Procedural Arguments are now moot.

19 **C. THE PETITION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CITY OR THE ESGV WMP**

20 The original petition challenged the Executive Officer's authority to conditionally approve
21 the ESGV plan. On July 29, 2015, the Executive Officer issued a letter formally notifying the
22 City that all conditions of the Regional Board's approval of the ESGV WMP had been met, and
23 the approval was no longer conditional. (Copy attached as Exhibit A.) The Regional Board
24 subsequently approved the ESGV WMP itself at the Regional Board's hearing in September,
25 2015. As a result, the original petition is moot as to the City and the ESGV. Any allegation
26 about the sufficiency of the ESGV WMP's approval has been addressed by both the City through
27 compliance with applicable conditions, and the Regional Board's consideration and approval of
28 the plan. Further consideration of the ESGV WMP in conjunction with the Environmental

1 Groups claims would be improper. (In the Matter of the Petition of Humboldt Watershed
2 Council, *et al*, State Board Order WQ 2006-0005 (2006) [“The State Water Board applies
3 principles of mootness when considering petitions”]; see also *People v. Gregerson*, 202
4 Cal.App.4th 306, 321 (4th Dist. 2011) [“A case becomes moot when a court ruling can have no
5 practical effect or cannot provide the parties with effective relief”].)

6 The City stands by its prior filings outlining the Executive Officer’s authority to grant
7 conditional approvals, attached hereto as Exhibit B. Because those approvals occurred within the
8 authority granted to the Executive Officer by the Permit, and because the approvals will not occur
9 again within the Permit term, the Executive Officer’s actions are not capable of repetition.
10 Nonetheless, if the State Board chooses to address that question, it should not disturb the
11 Regional Board’s subsequent approval of the ESGV WMP. That is a standalone approval that is
12 entirely within the Regional Board’s authority. (Water Code §§ 13263; 13377.) Moreover,
13 neither the Petition nor the Amended Petition challenged the substantive adequacy of the ESGV
14 WMP (Am. Pet., p. 1.)¹

15 By failing to specify the manner in which the ESGV WMP failed to comply with Permit
16 requirements, the Petition and Amended Petition do not assert any substantive grounds on which
17 the plan may be reviewed. As a result, rendering a decision on the substantive compliance of the
18 ESGV WMP would be improper. (*Aetna Life Ins. Co. of Hartford, Conn. v. Haworth*, 300 U.S.
19 227 (1937); *LePage v. City of Oakland*, 13 Cal.App.3d 689 (1st Dist. 1970); *Wilson v. Transit*
20 *Authority of City of Sacramento* 199 Cal.App.2d 716 (3d Dist. 1962) [“A controversy in this
21 sense must be one that is appropriate for judicial determination. . . . A justiciable controversy is
22 thus distinguished from a difference or dispute of a hypothetical or abstract character; from one
23 that is academic or moot. . . . The controversy must be definite and concrete, touching the legal
24 relations of parties having adverse legal interests. . . . It must be a real and substantial controversy
25 admitting of specific relief through a decree of a conclusive character, as distinguished from an
26 opinion advising what the law would be upon a hypothetical state of facts”].)

27 ¹ The record demonstrates that the ESGV watershed management group revised the WMP to address all comments
28 and conditions imposed by the Regional Board. (RB AR 4187 *et seq.*) As demonstrated in the chart attached to this
response as Exhibit C, the ESGV WMP has addressed all comments and conditions provided by the Regional Board.

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1 The City therefore requests that the if the State Board does not dismiss the Petition and
2 Amended Petition as untimely filed, that the State Board limit its decision on the Petition and the
3 Amended Petition to the three challenged WMPs, and hold that the Procedural Arguments raised
4 in the Petition are moot as to the City and the ESGV WMP.

5 IV.
6 CONCLUSION

7 For the reasons set forth herein, the City respectfully asks the State Water Board to grant
8 the requested relief.

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11 Dated: January 15, 2016

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**EXHIBIT A
TO
CITY OF CLAREMONT'S RESPONSE TO AMENDED PETITION
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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 29, 2015

Permittees of the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group¹

FINAL APPROVED EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GROUP'S WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (WMP), PURSUANT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT (NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001; ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175)

Dear Permittees of the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group:

On November 8, 2012, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) adopted Order No. R4-2012-0175, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County, except those Discharges Originating from the City of Long Beach MS4* (hereafter, LA County MS4 Permit). The LA County MS4 Permit allows Permittees the option to develop either a Watershed Management Program (WMP) or an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) to implement permit requirements on a watershed scale through customized strategies, control measures, and best management practices (BMPs). Development of a WMP or EWMP is voluntary and allows a Permittee to address the highest watershed priorities, including complying with the requirements of Part V.A (Receiving Water Limitations), Part VI.E and Attachments L through R (Total Maximum Daily Load Provisions), by customizing the control measures in Parts III.A (Prohibitions – Non-Storm Water Discharges) and VI.D (Minimum Control Measures), except the Planning and Land Development Program.

On April 28, 2015, on behalf of the Los Angeles Water Board, I approved, with conditions, the East San Gabriel Valley (ESGV) Group's WMP. My approval letter directed the ESGV Group to submit a final WMP that satisfies all the conditions listed in the letter no later than June 12, 2015. On June 12, 2015 the ESGV Group submitted its final WMP, as directed.

After review of the final ESGV Group's WMP submitted on June 12, 2015, I have determined that the ESGV Group's WMP satisfies all of the conditions identified in my April 28, 2015 approval letter. The WMP dated June 2015 constitutes the final approved WMP for the ESGV Group.

¹ Permittees of the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group include the cities of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas. See attached distribution list.

The Los Angeles Water Board appreciates the participation and cooperation of the ESGV Group in the implementation of the LA County MS4 Permit. If you have any questions, please contact Ivar Ridgeway, Storm Water Permitting, at Ivar.Ridgeway@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (213) 620-2150.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

EXHIBIT B
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**Re: LA County MS4 Permit – Response to Petition for Review of
WMP Approvals**

Dear Ms. Purdy,

The East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group (“ESGV”) respectfully submits this Response to the Petition of NRDC, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, and Heal the Bay (collectively, “Environmental Groups”) for Review of the Regional Board Executive Officer’s Action to Conditionally Approve Nine Watershed Management Programs pursuant to the Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (“Permit”). In their Petition, the Environmental Groups request that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (“Regional Water Board”) review and invalidate the Executive Officer’s conditional approvals of nine Watershed Management Programs (“WMPs”) and deny all nine WMPs. (Petition, pp. 1-2.)¹ The Petition should be denied, as conditional approval of the nine WMPs is within the scope of authority delegated to the Executive Officer and within the procedural requirements of the Permit. Further, the evidence in the record demonstrates that the ESGV watershed management group revised the WMP to address all comments and conditions and the ESGV WMP is fully compliant with all permit requirements.

I. INTRODUCTION

The East San Gabriel Valley watershed management group, consisting of the cities of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona and San Dimas, submitted a draft ESGV WMP to the Regional Water Board in June 2014. On October 27, 2014, the Regional Water Board

¹ The Environmental Groups also petitioned the State Water Resources Control Board (“State Board”) seeking the same action.

provided fewer than twenty comments on the draft ESGV WMP. (See Petition, Exhibit A.) The group revised the WMP to address all comments, submitted a revised WMP and, on April 28, 2015, received conditional approval of the ESGV WMP. (See Petition, Exhibit B.) The conditional approval imposed eight conditions on the ESGV WMP and required the watershed management group to address the conditions by June 12, 2015. (*Ibid.*) The watershed management group modified the WMP to address all eight comments and submitted the final ESGV WMP on June 12, 2015.²

The Environmental Groups challenge the Executive Officer's conditional approval of all nine WMPs on three grounds: 1) that the Executive Officer acted outside the scope of authority delegated to the Executive Officer by conditionally approving the WMPs because the only authority explicitly delegated to the Executive Officer was to approve or deny the WMPs; 2) that the Executive Officer improperly modified the Permit by failing to comply with substantive and procedural requirements and exceeded statutory limits on delegation; and 3) that the Executive Officer improperly imposed conditions on the approvals that are inconsistent with Permit requirements and the Clean Water Act.

The Executive Officer's action to conditionally approve the nine WMPs was an action within the broad scope of authority delegated to the Executive Officer by the Regional Water Board by Resolution No. R10-009 and specified further by the Permit. As a result, the Executive Officer's conditional approval of the WMPs was within the scope of delegated authority and complied with the procedural requirements of the Permit. Finally, to the extent the Petition asserts that the ESGV WMP did not address the comments provided in the initial comment letter or in the conditional approval, the evidence in the record demonstrates that the ESGV watershed management group revised the WMP to address all comments and conditions.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Regional Water Board approved the Permit on November 8, 2012. The Permit regulates discharges to and from municipal separate storm sewer systems ("MS4"), in part, by prohibiting non-stormwater discharges through the MS4 to receiving waters, with limited exceptions (Permit, § III.A.4), prohibiting discharges from the MS4 that cause or contribute to a violation of receiving water limitations (Permit, § V.A) ("Receiving Water Limitations"), and requiring compliance with water quality-based effluent limitations and receiving water limitations, consistent with applicable total maximum daily loads ("TMDL") (Permit, § VI.E) ("TMDL Provisions").

The Permit's WMP Provision provides an alternative pathway to strict compliance with

² See Final ESGV WMP, available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/stormwater/municipal/watershed_management/san_gabriel/east_san_gabriel/EastSanGabrielRiverValley_FinalWMP.pdf.

specific Permit requirements. Provision VI.C provides that participation in a WMP or Enhanced WMP (“EWMP”) allows a Permittee to comply with the Receiving Water Limitations, TMDL Provisions, and other Permit provisions. The purpose of the WMP/EWMP is “to allow Permittees the flexibility ... to implement the requirements of this Order on a watershed scale through customized strategies, control measures, and BMPs.” (Permit, § VI.C.1.a.) Each WMP must prioritize MS4-related water quality issues, identify strategies to comply with Permit requirements, include an integrated monitoring and assessment program to determine progress towards meeting Permit requirements, include an adaptive management strategy and include input from the public and Regional Water Board. (Permit, § VI.C.1.f.)

The timeline for developing, approving and implementing WMPs/EWMPs is set out in Table 9 of the Permit and is further described in the provisions following the table. (Permit, § VI.C.4.b-g.) Once a WMP/EWMP is approved, Permittees begin implementing the approved plan. (Permit, § VI.C.6.)

The Permit grants the Executive Officer broad authority to modify the deadlines established in the Permit and to require modifications to WMP/EWMPs. The Executive Officer is authorized to extend the deadlines in Table 9, including the deadline for submission of a final WMP/EWMP. (Permit, § VI.C.4.g.) The Executive Officer may also extend deadlines set out within a WMP/EWMP (Permit, § VI.C.6.a), require Permittees to update approved WMP/EWMPs (Permit, § VI.C.8.b.i) and review and approve the modifications to WMP/EWMPs (Permit, § VI.C.8.b.iii).

The Permit itself was challenged by thirty-seven petitions to the State Water Board. On June 16, 2015, the State Water Board adopted an order generally upholding the Permit, but with a number revisions. Revisions to the Watershed Management Program Provision include, in part, the following: (1) clarification that the final date for achieving Receiving Water Limitations incorporated into a WMP/EWMP must be consistent with Provisions VI.C.2.a.ii.(4) and VI.C.2.a.iii.(2)(c), which require establishment of the compliance date by “taking into account the technological, operation, and economic factors that affect the design, development, and implementation of the control measures that are necessary” (State Water Board Order No. WQ 2015-0075, pp. 34-35); (2) clarification that Permittees may not request extensions to final compliance deadlines established in a TMDL but may seek a Time Schedule Order pursuant to Water Code section 13300 (*Id.* at pp. 32, 37); and (3) requirement that Permittees comprehensively update the reasonable assurance analysis and the WMP/EWMP as part of the adaptive management process and undertake additional reporting (*Id.* at pp. 37-40). With the exception of clarifying that the Permittees cannot seek an extension to final compliance dates established in a TMDL, the State Water Board did not restrict the Executive Officer’s broad discretion to modify the deadlines and require modifications to WMPs/EWMPs.

As a result, the Executive Officer remains authorized to extend the deadlines in Table 9, including the deadline for submission of a final WMP/EWMP (Permit, § VI.C.4.g), to extend deadlines set out within a WMP/EWMP, except for deadlines established in a TMDL (Permit, § VI.C.6.a), to require Permittees to update approved WMP/EWMPs

(Permit, § VI.C.8.b.i) and to review and approve the modifications to WMP/EWMPs (Permit, § VI.C.8.b.iii).

III. COMMENTS

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY INCLUDES THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

The Regional Water Board delegated nearly all of its powers to the Executive Officer when it authorized the Executive Officer to “exercise[e] any powers and duties of the Regional Board.” (Resolution R10-009.) This comprehensive delegation of authority has been limited in specific ways, including the limitations required by Water Code section 13223(a).³ Nowhere in the Regional Water Board’s extensive delegation of authority to the Executive Officer has the Regional Water Board limited the delegated authority to those powers specifically enumerated by the Regional Water Board. For this reason, the Executive Officer retains the broad authority “to do everything necessary or proper and usual, in the ordinary course of business, for effecting the purpose of [the] agency[.]” (Civ. Code, § 2319.) Delegated authority is not limited to those “specifically delegated” powers.

The Environmental Groups assert that conditional approval creates “a new, unauthorized schedule that will only defer compliance with the Permit’s [Receiving Water Limitations] and TMDL-limitations [provisions].” (Petition, at p. 8.) As noted above, the Permit explicitly authorizes the Executive Officer to modify the WMP/EWMP deadlines. However, even if the Permit did not contain such explicit authorization, the power to conditionally approve is a necessary and proper exercise of the Executive Officer’s power to accomplish the purpose for which the Regional Water Board delegated its authority. (Civil Code, § 2319; see also *County of San Diego v. Bowen* (2008) 166 Cal.App.4th 501, 510 [a sweeping grant of authority that includes the power to determine certain procedural elements together with the authority to approve or deny particular applications, “includes the authority to condition approval”].) Where there is such a “broad delegation of powers ... it cannot seriously be disputed that the [agent] possesses sufficient ... authority to issue the [conditional approval].” (*Bowen, supra*, at p. 510.)

The Regional Water Board has granted the Executive Officer the authority to “exercise[e] any powers and duties of the Regional Board.” (Resolution R10-009.) This sweeping authority includes with it the power to conditionally approve WMPs/EWMPs,

³ Water Code 13223(a) states, “(a) Each regional board may delegate any of its powers and duties vested in it by this division to its executive officer excepting only the following: (1) the promulgation of any regulation; (2) the issuance, modification, or revocation of any water quality control plan, water quality objectives, or waste discharge requirement; (3) the issuance, modification, or revocation of any cease and desist order; (4) the holding of any hearing on water quality control plans; and (5) the application to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement but excluding cases of specific delegation in a cease and desist order and excluding the cases described in subdivision (c) of Section 13002 and Sections 13304 and 13340.” The Petition alleges that the Executive Officer’s conditional approval violates (2) above by modifying waste discharge requirements. (See Petition, p. 9.) These arguments are addressed in Section III.A.1 and 2 of this Response.

especially in light of the Executive Officer’s specific authority to approve and deny WMPs/EWMPs clarified in the Permit. Because the agency relationship established by the grant of authority from the Regional Water Board to the Executive Officer is broad, and specifically includes the power to approve and deny WMPs/EWMPs, to modify the approval schedule, and to require revisions to the WMPs/EWMPs, it cannot seriously be disputed that the Executive Officer possesses sufficient authority to issue a conditional approval.

A. The East San Gabriel Valley WMP Addressed All Comments from the Regional Board and is Fully Compliant with Permit requirements

The ESGV group fully revised its WMP to address all comments provided in the Regional Water Board's October 27, 2014 comment letter and in the April 28, 2015 conditional approval. Specific changes are shown in the chart below. As a result of these changes, the substance of the ESGV WMP is not at issue and it remains largely unchanged from the version that was presented to the Regional Board in open session in April 2015.

IV.
CONCLUSION

The East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management group respectfully requests that the Petition be denied on the grounds that the Executive Officer’s action to conditionally approve the nine WMPs was an action within the broad scope of authority delegated to the Executive Officer and within the procedural requirements of the Permit.

Comment	Regional Board Comment October 27, 2014	Response Comments/Notes
1	Greater detail on the water quality characterization, including (1) a map of the locations of the monitoring sites for each of the four sources of data identified on page 7 relative to the watershed management area, and (2) a tabular summary of the data should be provided.	Additional detail has been added to augment the WMP document. Figure 3-1 has been added to show monitoring site locations. Table 3-1 has been added to summarize the data collected during development of the WQPs.
2	In Section 5.1.4, the data used to establish existing concentrations should be described in more detail and presented in tabular form. Additionally, Table 5-2 appears to omit from the analysis San Jose Creek. Discharges to San Jose Creek are subject to a dry-weather water quality-based effluent limitation (WQBEL) for selenium; therefore, data on existing concentration should be included for San Jose Creek.	Selenium is a natural source. The discharge of the MS4 should be low Se (other than groundwater infiltration to the MS4) monitoring will confirm. Table 5-4 has been added to provide clarification. The section of “San Jose Creek” through the WMP area is called “Thompson Creek”

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3	The MS4 permit requires WMPs to include the applicable WQBELs for every approved TMDL within the WMA. The draft WMP does not include the WQBELs for Puddingstone Reservoir for total phosphorus and total nitrogen, total mercury, and PCBs, chlordane, dieldrin, total DDT and 4,4-DDT.	Table 5-5 and Appendix D have been added to provide clarification.
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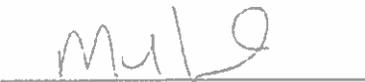
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19	<p>In the analysis of the required reduction for lead, zinc, selenium and E. coil under the dry weather condition, more detailed information about the baseline condition for 50th and 90th percentile existing concentration presented in Table 5-2 should be provided.</p>	<p>The design storm approach of the RAA comprehensively address all Water Quality Priorities during both dry and wet weather. By 2023, the dry weather compliance date for the SGR metals TMDL, 65% of the design storm runoff will be captured in each subwatershed within the WMP area. That BMP capacity will easily address non-stormwater flows. See the paragraph at the bottom of page 66.</p>

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<p>Correct Tables 3-3 and 5-5 of the revised draft WMP by removing reference to the dry- weather copper waste load allocations (WLAs). The East San Gabriel Valley Permittees' MS4 discharges are not subject to the dry-weather copper WLAs in the San Gabriel River and impaired Tributaries Metals and Selenium TMDL (Attachment P of the LA County MS4 Permit) assigned to discharges to the San Gabriel River Reach 1 and San Gabriel River Estuary.</p>	<p>Corrected Tables 3-3 and 5-5 to remove reference to dry-weather copper WLAs.</p>
<p>Revise Table 4-3 of the revised draft WMP to include "Interagency coordination," "Hydromodification Control Plan," and "Sewage system maintenance, overflow, and spill prevention," which are requirements of the LA County MS4 Permit. (See Parts VI.A.2.a.viii, VI.A.4.a.iii, and VI.D.2, among others, regarding "interagency coordination"; Part VI.D.7.c.iv regarding "Hydromodification Control Plan"; and Parts VI.D.9.h.ix and VI.D.10.c-e regarding "sewer system maintenance, overflow, and spill prevention.")</p>	<p>Revised Table to include "Interagency Coordination", Hydromodification Control Plan", and "Sewage System Maintenance, Overflow, and Spill Prevention".</p>
<p>Revise and separate Table 4-2 of the revised draft WMP, "Recently Constructed and Planned BMPs in the WMP Area," into two tables to clearly distinguish between: (a) those best management practices (BMPs) that are already constructed (providing the completion date for each), and (b) those BMPs that are planned (providing the scheduled completion date for each).</p>	<p>Revised and separated Table 4-2 into two tables as noted.</p>
<p>Clarify the responsibilities of each Permittee of the ESGV WMG for implementation of watershed control measures in Table 5-17 of the revised draft WMP, "Control Measures to be Implemented for Attainment of 10% Milestone" and Table 5-18, "Schedule for Implementation of the Rooftop Runoff Reduction Program" to attain the 10% interim milestone in the San Gabriel River and Impaired Tributaries Metals and Selenium TMDL.</p>	<p>Revised Table 5-17 to clarify responsibilities.</p>

<p>Correct inconsistencies between Table 5-4 and Table 5-6 of the revised draft WMP, including: (a) information on selenium, which indicates exceedances downstream in Table 5-4 of the revised draft WMP, but indicates that no reductions are necessary in Table 5-6, and (b) missing information on E. coli exceedances in Table 5-4.</p>	<p>Tables 5-4 and 5-6 have been revised to correct inconsistencies.</p>
<p>Revise Appendix D of the revised draft WMP to include: (a) both the geometric mean water quality objective (126/100 mL) and the single sample maximum water quality objective (235/100 mL) for E. coli density and (b) a table of the water quality-based effluent limitations (WQBELs) applicable to the ESGV WMG for lead, selenium, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, total mercury, total PCBs, total chlordane, dieldrin, total DDT, and 4,4-DDT as set forth in Attachment P of the LA County MS4 Permit.</p>	<p>Revised Appendix D to include all information requested.</p>
<p>Confirm in the revised draft WMP that Permittees of the ESGV WMG shall implement permit provisions in Part III Discharge Prohibitions and Part VI.D Stormwater Management Program Minimum Control Measures as set forth in the LA County MS4 Permit, unless noted otherwise in the revised draft WMP.</p>	<p>The WMP has been revised to confirm that the Permittees will implement the permit provisions cited.</p>
<p>Provide in an Appendix the comparison of the volume reductions required by the load-based and volume-based numeric goals conducted as the initial step in the WMP Reasonable Assurance Analysis (RAA).</p>	<p>The comparison of the volume reductions have been provided in Appendix A.</p>